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1. Although the Communist Party in the Polish Navy is well organized, its Executive Committee and the UB exercise little control in that service. The MVD, on the other hand, is supreme, having filled all key posts with Russian officers or having strategically placed Russians as deputies.
2. Rear Admiral Steyer, who was expelled from the Navy in 1934 in connection with a supply scandal, and who is at present Commanding Admiral of the Polish Navy, is only a figurehead. Admiral Achitayev (sic), a Russian officer and head of the MVD in the Navy, reportedly controls all the Navy's "political and educational matters."
3. [REDACTED] Polish Navy has few efficient young officers at the present time. Some of the older ones who returned to Poland after the war have been assigned to posts, but they are not considered completely reliable. Among those not trusted are Captain Romanowski, who is in command of the submarine [REDACTED], and Captain Boris Karnicki, who is nominally in command of the submarine squad.n. Each of these officers is being closely watched by a Russian officer.
4. There are reportedly more trained crews than the Polish Navy has ships. The following is a list of ships obtained by the source:

ORP Sep	- Submarine
ORP Zbik	- Submarine
ORP Rys	- Submarine
ORP Blyskawica	- Destroyer
ORP Burza	- Destroyer
ORP Czajka	- Mine layer
ORP Mewa	- Mine layer
ORP Jaskolka	- Mine layer
ORP Rybitwa	- Mine layer

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6 Motortorpedo boats, received from the Russians.

5. It was learned that the following schools in Szczecin and Gdansk are active in the training of men for naval service:

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